

Five Torrance Gridders Named to All League Team

SPECIAL CENSUS MAY REACH 45,000 WITH NEW REPORTS

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SIGNED UP . . . City Chairman A. E. Thompson uses a Red Feather to add \$2000 on to the city totals after seeing the check Chester F. Yunker, of Del Amo Estate Co., is about to hand over to the Community Chest. The check brought the city total to over 98 per cent of its quota. (Herald Photo)

Chest Campaign Here Nears 100 Per Cent

A check for \$2000 to the Community Chest from the Del Amo Estate Co. yesterday put Torrance's 1953 drive within shouting distance of its quota, it was reported by City Chairman A. E. Thompson, general manager of the General-Petroleum refinery here.

Handing Thompson the check from the company yesterday was Chester F. Yunker, general manager of Del Amo Estate Co. oil production. It was the company's contribution to this year's campaign.

The addition of \$2000 to the funds collected gave Torrance over 98 per cent of its quota, Thompson said.

In the meantime, Campaign Chairman Maynard Toll indicated that the drive may be extended two more weeks. He has called a meeting of top leaders in the campaign for tomorrow morning to set the next report date. He said it might be delayed until Dec. 2.

May Stretch Deadline
"If this Dec. 2 date is approved by the leaders, it will give our 60,000 volunteers another two weeks to clean up their quotas," Toll said.

He reported that the drive in the Greater Los Angeles area had reached the 75 per cent mark of the total goal of \$8,794,000.

He said the present mark had been achieved with 500,000 pledges while last year's \$8 million goal was reached with 601,000 pledges.

"With 200,000 pledges still unaccounted for, the outlook is bright," Toll said.

Harbor area totals show that the area is about on a par with

Care Important As Time in Xmas Mailing

Local residents and business firms alike were reminded by Postmaster Clara A. Conner this week that "correct and careful mailing is just as important as early mailing. Perhaps more so. Any unnecessary delay may prevent delivery of your Christmas cards and gifts by Dec. 25."

Haste and carelessness are the chief trouble-makers for postal employees, the postmaster said, quickly adding:

"There's no good reason for either. People still have a week or 10 days for leisurely shopping. During that time give your Christmas card list a thorough going-over. Be sure you have everyone's full name, street and number, city, zone, and state."

"Estimate the number of stamps you'll need. Stock up on a supply of heavy wrapping paper, strong cord, and parcel post labels. Then you'll be safely over the first hurdle in the race against time."

"The important thing, of course, the postmaster stressed, is to get started now. If all gift packages are mailed by Dec. 5 and all Christmas cards by Dec. 15, they'll arrive shortly before Santa, she said.

Business firms can do their part by withholding all circular and catalogue mail during the critical period, Dec. 15-25. Mrs. Conner added. It also will help avoid post office congestion if their regular correspondence is posted before 4 p.m. each day, she said.



HOME EXPLODES . . . The Edward Soule family at 102 E. 235th St. returned from a shopping trip yesterday and found this. Their new home was demolished by what investigators believed was a natural gas leak. Damage was estimated at \$15,000. Everything in the house was virtually demolished. Nearby homes were apparently undamaged. (Herald photo)

Tartar Names Dominate 1953 All Bay Teams

Five Torrance High School grid stars were named to the All-Bay League team, and four were named to the league's mythical second team, it was announced last night at the Bay League dance at El Camino College.

Unanimous choice of the league to play left tackle on the mythical all-league team was Ed Powell, alternate captain of Coach Cliff Graybehl's 1953 Tartar squad.

The Tartars won three league games and lost two to wind up in third place behind Santa Monica, annual winner of the league, and Inglewood, who has a stranglehold on the second-place spot.

For details of the selection and names of the nine Tartars who dominated the first two league teams, see the Herald Sport Section beginning today on page 6.

Unique Design Features Home In Palos Verdes

Leon J. Villmont, 24424 Hawthorne Ave., Waltham, has an unusual listing in the Palos Verdes Estates.

Priced at \$22,750, it makes a lovely home for those who enjoy gracious living. The lot is 60x120 and affords a delightful view.

The architect designed a unique interior using Louisiana Swamp Oak panels and the fireplace adds the finishing touch.

But you really must see this to appreciate the description. If you are interested in buying a home, turn to Classification 50 in the Real Estate Section of "Your Torrance Herald" Call FA 8-4000

193 'Missed Persons' Forms May Up Tally

It looks like the population of Torrance will hit 45,000 yet, George Powell, assistant to City Manager George Stevens, announced yesterday that he has received 193 "Missed Persons" forms in the mail thus far, and if at least 98 of these are not duplications of forms already in, the census figure will jump from 44,902 to 45,000.

Final unofficial tabulations of the special census just completed gave Torrance a 44,902 population as of Nov. 4, 1953.

The "Missed Persons" forms are those that are filed by persons who were out of town when the census takers came by, or who, for some other reason, were missed. Some may be duplications, however, but there's a good chance that enough will be legitimate forms to boost the population over the magic 45,000 mark, Powell believed.

Certification of the special census is expected by Dec. 9. Special Census Supervisor Vernon L. Miller has shipped the reports compiled by his staff to Washington, D.C. to be officially recognized.

The 1953 census shows that the city has more than doubled in population since 1950, when the census showed 22,241 persons living here.



WHO, ME? . . . Elated at news of her selection as Homecoming Queen is Barbara Ellis, 19, of Inglewood, who was selected to reign at El Camino College. Queen Barbara and her princesses, Marian McDonald of Torrance and Nancy Smith of Inglewood, will lead the Homecoming Day parade between halves of the El Camino-Harbor football game on Thanksgiving Day.

Mine Opponents Set Protest Meet

The newly-formed South Bay Homeowners Assn., a group of citizens from eight South Bay communities who have united to fight the proposed open pit dicalite mine in Rolling Hills, will hold a press conference Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Hotel Statler, Los Angeles.

Purpose of the meeting will be to "present to the press by means of demonstrations and charged photos, drawings and recent research findings, the harmful effects of open-pit mining of diatomaceous earth upon the health and welfare of South Bay citizens," according to Duke H. Bennett, spokesman for the Homeowners' group.

Bennett said that the contributions of dicalite dust to Los Angeles smog also will be discussed. The conference will be held in the Detroit Room of the Statler.

Present at the first meeting of the group, held Monday night at Rolling Hills Primary School, were Ernest J. Robinson, of Torrance, president of the Pacific Hills Homeowners Assn., and representatives from Hollywood, Riviera, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Long Beach, Wilmington, and Rolling Hills.

A decision from the Board of Supervisors is expected on Dec. 2. The Great Lakes Carbon Corp., originators of the open-pit mining plan, have requested the Board to approve their permit to operate the mine.

In the meanwhile, mystery still shrouds the purposes of a confidential "public opinion survey" which is now being conducted in the Rolling Hills area by "Facts, Consolidated," a Hollywood survey organization. Opponents of the open-pit plan have stated that the survey is none of their doing.

Persons interested in the issues of the development are urged to watch the presentation.

Mine Battle On TV Today

An hour-long discussion of the pros and cons of the proposal to open a new dicalite mine in Rolling Hills has been scheduled on Freeman Lust's "Freedom Forum" beginning at 5 p.m. this evening over Channel 13, KTLA-TV.

Persons interested in the issues of the development are urged to watch the presentation.

Optimist President Visits Local Clubs

Optimist leaders gathered from all points of Southern California Wednesday evening for a dinner at the Palos Verdes Country Club honoring Dr. Walter A. Reiling, president of Optimist International.

The 200 Optimists and Opt-Mrs. who gathered to honor Dr. Reiling included four past international presidents, one past international vice-president, and scores of District 14 officials.

All the clubs in Zone Three, which covers the southern section of Los Angeles County, sponsored the affair.

Dr. Reiling told the large gathering his conception of Optimism as it relates to the large service organization. He laid particular stress on its accomplishments in the field of boys' work.

Local leaders present at the dinner included L. E. McKee, governor of the 14th District; Jack Ragsdale, lieutenant governor of Zone Three; Chris Sorenson, president of the Torrance club; Charles Wortham, president of the Redondo club; Harry Mumby, Lomita; and Cal Barenz, Lawndale president.

The dinner was the highlight locally of Optimist Week, proclaimed here by Mayor Marvin M. Schwebel, and elsewhere throughout the nation by governmental leaders.

Union Services Stated For Thanksgiving Day

Union Thanksgiving services sponsored by the Torrance Ministerial Assn. will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church, 1415 Ingraham Ave. Rev. James P. Lowen of the Poursquare Church will be the speaker.



OPTIMISTS MEET . . . Dr. Walter A. Reiling (center), president of Optimist International, chats with Chris Sorenson, (left) president of the Torrance Optimist Club, and Attorney Boris S. Woolley, first president of the Torrance Club, during a dinner meeting honoring Dr. Reiling's visit here Wednesday evening. More than 200 Optimists from Southern California met at the Palos Verdes Country Club to honor the club's national president. (Herald photo)